

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A portable telephone, comprising:

a first body;

a second body placed in superposed relation to the first body, wherein one body slides relative to the other body to change how far they superpose, thus expanding and contracting the overall length of the telephone in the sliding direction; and

a rotation preventing mechanism configured to prevent the first and second bodies from rotating with respect to each other,

wherein one body can pull out relative to the other body with an area left where a part of one body is superposed on the other body in the extended state,

~~wherein the rotation preventing mechanism is provided entirely within the superposed area in the extended state, and~~

wherein assuming the three-dimensional orthogonal coordinate axes where the sliding direction is defined as Y axis, the superposing direction as Z axis, and the direction orthogonal to the Y axis within a plane parallel to the superposed plane as X axis, the rotation preventing mechanism including an X-axis rotation preventing means for preventing rotation on its X-axis; a Y-axis rotation preventing means for preventing rotation on its Y axis; and a Z-axis rotation preventing means for preventing rotation on its Z axis, each having an arrangement in which a concavity formed on one body and a respective convexity formed on the other body engage with each other, and

wherein each of the arrangements of the X-axis rotation preventing means, Y-axis rotation preventing means, and the Z-axis rotation preventing means are provided entirely within the superposed area in the extended state.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A portable telephone, comprising:

a first body; and

a second body slidably superposed opposed to the first body, wherein the portable telephone has a closed state in which opposite faces totally superpose each other and an opened state in which the opposite faces partially superpose each other,

wherein a first slot is formed in the first body and a first slide piece is provided on the second body which is slidably engaged in the first slide slot, and a second slot is formed on the second body and a second slide piece is provided on the first body which is slidably engaged in the second slide slot, and

wherein the first slot and the second slot are provided entirely within an area in which the first body and the second body are superposed in the opened state.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The portable telephone according to Claim 6, further comprising:

an engaging pawl provided in one of the two bodies being slidably engaged with the other body within the superposed area in the extended state; and

a sliding piece provided in one of the two bodies being slidably engaged with the other body within the superposed area.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The portable telephone according to Claim 7, wherein an auxiliary concavity is formed in a portion of one body having an operation plane exposed to outside the superposed area in the extended state, and an auxiliary convexity engaging in the auxiliary concavity is formed in a portion of the other body to prevent the two bodies from relatively rotating with these auxiliary convexity and concavity engaged with each other.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The portable telephone according to Claim 8, wherein a wiring member providing an electrical connection between the two bodies is received in the auxiliary concavity.